



## Fire Safety Tips

- § Install smoke detectors - check batteries with each time change. Working smoke detectors have reduced the nation's fire death loss 50%.
- § Install fire extinguisher and learn how to use them before needing them.
- § No outside burning in Georgia from May 1<sup>st</sup> thru September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- § Sleep with bedroom doors closed. 90% of fire deaths are from smoke inhalation.
- § Do not store gasoline or other flammables in garages or around open flames. One gallon of gasoline in vapor form equals 16 sticks of dynamite!
- § Post emergency numbers near all telephones.
- § Provide and practice a home fire escape plan, and have (2) ways out of each room (doors & windows). Designate a meeting place outside—away from house to account for family members.
- § Once outside—Do not reenter the burning building.
- § Smokers need to be extra careful - never smoke in bed or when sleepy. Careless smoking is one of the leading causes of fire deaths in the U.S.
- § Space heaters need space - keep at least 3 feet from combustibles. Keep children and pets away. Never leave heaters on when you leave home or go to bed.
- § Be careful cooking - do not wear loose fitting clothes. Keep pot and pan handles turned inward. If grease catches fire, cover with lid and turn off the stove. Do not attempt to remove a burning pan until fire is extinguished.
- § Install address numbers on home so emergency personnel can find you.
- § Keep lighters and matches out of children's reach.
- § Use electrical safety - do not overload a circuit. Limit use of extension cords. Do not run cords under rugs. Do not tamper with the fuse box or use improper size fuses.
- § Cool a burn - place burn wound immediately under cool water for 10 -15 minutes. If the burn blisters or chars, see a doctor immediately.
- § Statistics show, on an average, every person in the U.S. will need the service of the fire department at least once every 20 years.